Motor Accidents.

52. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cases of motor accidents that have been filed in, and disposed of by, the various Criminal Courts of the State from the beginning of 1101 up to the 1st Mithunam 1102?

(2) How many of them have ended in conviction and how many drivers have been convicted?

(3) Has it been found that these accidents were mostly due to the carelessness or negligence of motor drivers?

(4) What steps have been taken by the Government to prevent such mishaps?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) A statement* containing the information for the period from 1-1-1101 to 1-9-1102 is laid on the table. The further statistics required have not been received.

(3) The answer is in the affirmative.

(4) The following measures have been adopted for the prevention of such mishaps:—

(i) Prescribing times of arrival and departure to prevent the overtaking of one bus by another.

(ii) Periodical examination of buses to ensure their being kept in a safe condition.

(iii) Prescribing speed-limits.

(iv) Limiting the loads that may be carried.

(v) Testing drivers for proficiency and making enquiries regarding their character and sobriety before issuing licenses to them.

(vi) Appointment of Traffic Inspectors to regulate traffic.

(vii) Employment of a large number of policemen to enforce the conditions of licenses.

(viii) Prosecutions for offences.

(ix) Cancellation and suspension of licenses for offences.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know the status of the policemen employed to enforce the conditions of licenses? That is in relation to part (4) (vii) of the answer.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not quite sure. I believe they will be Head constables and constables—mostly constables.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Under what circumstances are cancellation and suspension of licenses for offences made, and by whom?

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* *Vide* Appendix II.—page 153.

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The cancellation is recommended to the Government by the Police Commissioner. He himself suspends for the time being and the confirmation of that is made by the Government. As regards the circumstances, I believe they are found in the rules under which cancellation will be effected.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the member kindly point out to me instances of cancellation and suspension made by any of the Magistrates before whom the matter was brought up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Report of the Commissioner of Police on the Conversion of some Mahomedans to Christianity in Arukutty.

53. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (1) With reference to the answers given by the Government in the Council on the 10th Vrischikam 1102, regarding the alleged forcible conversion of Mahomedans to Christianity, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have called for the information required from the Commissioner of Police?

(2) If so, will they be pleased to place the same on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) A copy of the report* received from the Commissioner of Police is placed on the table.

Brooke Bond Concession.

54. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): (1) Has the Dewan declared in the last session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly in connection with the recent Brooke Bond Scheme, that "the final verdict will rest with the representatives of the people"?

(2) Have the Government received resolutions protesting against the said scheme, passed in public meetings held in different parts of the State?

(3) Are the Government in receipt of memorials protesting against the scheme signed by the tax-payer citizens of the several villages of Central Travancore?

(4) Did the Government receive the resolutions of protest against the said scheme from the "All Travancore Conference" held at Chengannur on the 5th Medam 1102 and also from the conference of planters held at Kottayam on the 15th Edavam this year (1102)?

(5) Do the Government consider the above protests as coming from the people or their representatives?

(6) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Press Communiqué published by the Government on this subject is the final verdict on the scheme?

* *Vide* Appendix IV—page 154

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Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 46.**

Particulars re pay-wards in Medical Institutions.

Name of Institution.	Total No. of beds available in the pay-wards of the Government medical institutions in 1102.	Average No. of beds occupied till the 15th Mithunam 1102.
General Hospital	9 beds	3·48
Women and Children's Hospital	7 beds	3·2
District Hospital, Parassala	4 beds are available here; this was opened only in Medam 1102.	0·7
District Hospital, Alleppey	The 3 rooms constructed for the pay-wards have not been occupied yet for want of furniture.	..

Appendix III.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 52.**

Statement showing the number of cases of motor accidents that have been filed in and disposed of by the various Criminal Courts of the State from the beginning of 1101 up to 1-9-1102.

Number filed in Courts.	Number disposed of by Courts.	Number of cases which ended in conviction.	Number of drivers convicted.	Districts.
26	14	8	8	Trivandrum District.
20	11	5	5	Quilon District.
40	37	11	11	Kottayam District.
86	62	24	24	

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